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KINGSTON PLEASE PASS TO GEORGE DALLEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, ELAB, PORT

SUBJECT: US-ILO RELATIONS: APPLICATIONS OF CONVENTIONS

REF: GENEVA 06188

1. MAY 3 CLC WORKING PARTY GROUP DISCUSSED ILO DIRECTOR  
GENERAL BLANCHARD'S PROPOSAL (REFTEL) TO APPEAL TO JUNE  
1978 INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE TO AGREE TO TAKE NOTE  
1978 REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION  
OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CACR) RATHER THAN  
CURRENT PRACTICE OF VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE TO ACCEPT  
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CACR REPORT. THE CONSENSUS OF CLC MEMBERS, INCLUDING  
AFL-CIO SECRETARY TREASURER LANE KIRKLAND, IS TO DISCOURAGE  
BLANCHARD FROM PURSUING PLAN.

2. CLC MEMBERS FEEL PROPOSAL WOULD DENIGRATE WORK OF BOTH  
CACR AND COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (COE). SINGLING OUT CACR  
REPORT, WHICH MANY CONSIDER TO BE THE "CONSCIENCE OF THE

ILO," AS ONLY MAJOR REPORT NOT RECEIVING CONFERENCE APPROVAL, WOULD IN CLC VIEW REDUCE COE AND CACR TO BUREAUCRATIC EXERCISES. MOREOVER, PROPOSAL WOULD DODGE IMPORTANT ISSUE AND DENY OPPORTUNITY FOR INDICATION OF POSITIVE CHANGE U.S. SEEKS IN ILO. U.S. OBJECTIVE

REMAINS TO SEE ILO SUPERVISION MACHINERY OPERATE EFFECTIVELY AND OBJECTIVELY. THAT REQUIRES FULL DISCUSSION OF COE OBSERVATIONS IN CACR, PREPARATION OF BALANCE AND OBJECTIVE CACR REPORT, AND APPROVAL OF CACR REPORT BY CONFERENCE.

3. IN VIEW OF CLC OPPOSITION TO BLANCHARD INITIATIVE, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS AMBASSADOR, AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, INFORM ILO DG THAT U.S. OPPOSED TO ALTERING THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF HAVING THE CONFERENCE VOTE ON CACR. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH BLANCHARD AND HIS REACTIONS TO U.S. POSITION.

4. FOR PARIS: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO IRVING BROWN, STRESSING THAT AFL-CIO (KIRKLAND) CONCURS. CHRISTOPHER

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